

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2425

Application No.: 10/690,525

Examiner: N. EKPO

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Docket No.: 117605

For: ELECTRONIC PROGRAM GUIDE DISPLAY CONTROL APPARATUS,
ELECTRONIC PROGRAM GUIDE DISPLAY CONTROL METHOD, AND
ELECTRONIC PROGRAM GUIDE DISPLAY CONTROL PROGRAM

SUMMARY OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant's representatives conducted a personal interview on November 24, 2009 with Examiner Ekpo and Supervisory Patent Examiner Pendleton.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representatives by Examiners Ekpo and Pendleton in the November 24 interview. Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

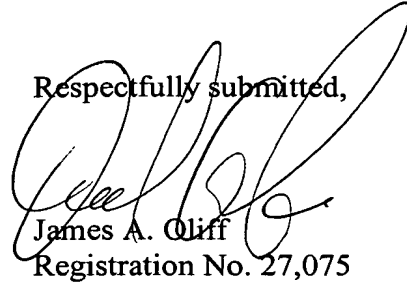
Applicants's representatives presented arguments traversing the rejections of the Office Action based on U.S. Patent No. 6,072,475 to van Ketwich in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0040551 to Yates et al. Specifically, Applicant's representatives argued that no combination of Yates with van Ketwich would have rendered obvious the combination of features recited in at least independent claims 1 and 9.

Examiners Ekpo and Pendleton tentatively agreed that the combination of Yates and van Ketwich cannot reasonably be relied upon in the matter the Office Action asserts.

Examiners, however, indicated that further search and consideration would be required.

Should any questions arise regarding this correspondence, all inquiries may be directed to Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

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